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**TO LEAD HOSPITAL** . . . Elected to the top offices of Torrance Memorial Hospital medical staff for the coming year were (from left) Dr. Richard A. Sullivant, chief of staff; Dr. Jack E. Brokken, assistant chief; and Dr. Alan F. Cohn, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Robert C. Schaeffer will serve as secretary-treasurer. Sullivant was chief of medical staff at the hospital in 1965. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Hospital to Install Dr. Sullivant Again

Annual Installation and Dinner Dance of the Medical Staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital is scheduled for Jan. 21, 1967 at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

Dr. Richard A. Sullivant, Torrance general practitioner, will be installed as chief of staff at the banquet. Serving with Dr. Sullivant for the year 1967 will be Dr. Jack E. Brokken of Rolling Hills, assistant chief of staff; Dr. Robert C. Schaeffer of Palos Verdes, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Alan F. Cohn of Torrance, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Doctor Sullivant is a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School and has

been on the medical staff of the hospital since 1956. He served as chief of staff previously in 1965.

Newly elected members of the Executive Committee are Dr. C. Thomas McGraw and Dr. Oliver M. Storsteen.

Guests at the Installation Banquet, set for 8 p.m., will include Mrs. Boris S. Woolley, president of the Board of Directors of Torrance Memorial Hospital, other board members, and members of the Riviera Hospital Governing Board.

Recently 10 acres were purchased jointly by Torrance Memorial and Riviera hospitals on Lomita Boulevard east of Hawthorne.

Plans call for the construction

of a new 250-bed community hospital on the site. Later, the hospital will be expanded to 500 beds as the additional facilities are needed, according to Dr. John W. Tipping, retiring hospital chief of staff.

For 35 years Torrance Memorial was the only non-profit hospital in the South Bay area. When the hospital first opened in 1924, there were three doctors on the staff and 1,800 people living in Torrance. Since then the hospital has cared for more than 151,000 patients. Over 260 doctors now form the medical staff.

Plans call for the construction

# Homeowners in Revolt On Forced Inspection

## Dispute On Land Widens

Plans for an areawide occupational center moved beyond the "talk" stage Wednesday with the signing of a joint powers agreement creating the Southern California Regional Occupational Center.

Some of the luster of the signing ceremonies and election Wednesday evening was dulled the following day when school officials were notified by officials of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare that the matter of deeding the land to the Torrance district had been reconsidered and that it had been decided that the land could be transferred only to the joint powers board.

DR. J. H. HULL, superintendent of Torrance schools, said he probably would ask the board Monday evening to authorize a trip to Washington, D.C. to confront HEW officials on the matter.

The center, a joint undertaking of six area school districts, will provide 11th and 12th grade students with occupational training. First students are scheduled to be accepted in September.

The board created by the joint powers agreement named Dr. L. W. Busby of the South Bay Union High School District as its first president. Bert M. Lynn, representative of the Torrance schools, was elected clerk of the board.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE (See SKILLS on A-2)



**SIGN FACT** . . . William J. Hanson (right), president of the Torrance Board of Education, signs a joint powers agreement which creates the Southern California Regional Occupational Center. The center is a joint venture of six area school districts. Witnessing the ceremony are Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance schools, and Bert M. Lynn, who will represent the Torrance board on the new six-man joint powers board. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Protest Papers Passed

Petitions calling for the repeal of the city's uniform housing code and its forced inspection program were being circulated here this weekend in the aftermath of an "orientation" meeting held Wednesday.

Residents of a North Torrance neighborhood selected as the first target in the so-called "housing conservation program" said they would circulate the petitions following a second meeting Friday.

"Everybody feels the same," Mrs. Lawrence LaRue of 4175 W. 172nd St., told the Press-Herald. She said residents of the area are "strongly opposed to this encroachment on their liberties."

The present controversy erupted Wednesday when a meeting — called by city officials for the purpose of explaining the housing inspection program — was turned into a protest session by homeowners in the North Torrance area.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD, designated A-12 in a study which was completed some months ago by the city's Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Improvement, is bounded by Redondo Beach Boulevard, Hawthorne Boulevard, Artesia Boulevard, and the San Diego Freeway. Much of it was recently conditionally rezoned from residential to commercial property, pending approval of precise plans covering a minimum of three lots at one time.

City officials present at Wednesday's meeting told home-owners the inspection program was designed to prevent blight and admitted, after some questioning from the audience, that the program is a requirement of the federal government for the city's urban renewal program.

ASSISTANT City Manager Jerome L. (Jerry) Scharfman told the Press-Herald the federal government requires "systematic enforcement" of the housing code as a condition for urban renewal projects. (See HOUSING on A-2)

## Name Officers for 'Exchange' Program

Sgt. Melville W. Hone Jr., communications and jail supervisor, and Officer James M. Weyant, patrolman, have been named by Police Chief Walter R. Koenig for a personnel exchange program with the Alameda Police Department in February.

The exchange, conceived by Chief Koenig and endorsed by Alameda Chief William A. Tulloh, is designed to familiarize officers of the two departments with the techniques and policies now being employed by the other.

Sergeant Hone and Officer Weyant will be assigned to duties with Alameda officers for the 15-day period in February and two officers from the Alameda department will be sent to Torrance at the same time for temporary duty with Torrance officers. The officers will work in their own uniforms, and will have a police unit from their own city in service.

SELECTION of the officers was made by Chief Koenig after an evaluation program which began with each officer making application for the assignment and listing his qualifications for the program. Bureau and division com

manders made personal rating sheets for each applicant, and the officers were given written examinations testing their knowledge of the city and department.

A four-man oral board interviewed each applicant and rated them. Sitting on the board with Chief Koenig were Chief William A. Bechtel of Redondo Beach; Robert Ellsworth, attendance advisor for Torrance Unified School District; and Glenn W. Pfeil, publisher of the Press-Herald.

SERGEANT Hone joined the department five years ago and has been a sergeant since July, 1966. He has served in vice, patrol, narcotics, and in staff and personnel services. Officer Weyant, a Torrance (See POLICE on A-2)

### FOR HOSPITAL

## Advisory Board Approves Funds

Hopes for construction of a 250-bed modern hospital to replace the 42-year-old Torrance Memorial Hospital moved nearer to reality this week with approval of more than \$1.5 million in federal funds for the project.

Approval for the federal share of the project came in San Francisco after representatives of the hospital and of Riviera Community Hospital appeared before the State Hospital Advisory Council to press their application for the funds.

Matching funds from state sources and local sources is needed to complete the financing arrangements. TMH Administrator Leonard Ensminger said.

Federal funds allocated for the new hospital were \$1,606,542, less than the amount sought, Ensminger said. Matching state funds in the amount would give the hospitals \$3,213,084 from government sources. Another \$3 mil-

lion would need to be raised locally.

Appearing before the board in San Francisco this week were Mrs. Boris S. Woolley, president of Torrance Memorial Hospital directors; Gene Vorhees, president of the Riviera Community Hospital board; George Post, vice president of the Torrance board; Dr. John Tipping, retiring chief of the Torrance medical staff; Dr. Richard A. Sullivant, incoming chief of the staff; Dr. Gene Kaufman, chief-elect at Riviera hospital; C. L. Peterson, administrator of Riviera hospital; and Ensminger, who made the presentation before the board.

THE NEXT step, Ensminger told the Press-Herald, is to gain approval of the State Department of Public Health for the state share of the funds. After that, the community will have 120 days to (See HOSPITAL on A-2)



**EXCHANGE OFFICERS** . . . Torrance Police Chief Walter R. Koenig (center) looks over map of Alameda with Sgt. Melville W. Hone Jr. (left) and Officer James M. Weyant after the two were selected to represent Torrance in a 15-day exchange with the Alameda Police Department in February. Two Alameda officers will work with Torrance Police during the exchange. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Two Vessels Run Aground In Thick Fog

Two boats being moved from San Diego to Fort Bragg in northern California ran aground in the fog Friday night in the Portuguese Bend area of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Sheriff's deputies from the Lennox station reported Saturday morning. A 30-foot cruiser and a 36-foot landing barge were being transported by owner Al T. Marchant of Fort Bragg when they ran aground, deputies reported. No one was injured. Heavy fog delayed any attempts to free the vessels.

### Flames Destroy Trailer . . .

A faulty oil furnace has been blamed for a fire which caused heavy damage to a house trailer owned by Edna B. Ferguson, 616 E. Carson St., Thursday night. Flames destroyed much of the trailer home but did not injure anyone, firemen reported. Chief Paul Schneider of the County Fire Department's Battalion 7 was in charge of the firemen on the scene. In another Wilmington area trailer fire Thursday, neighbors were unable to rescue Gayle Devore, 26, who was confined with her leg in a cast. One neighbor, Frank Cushing, suffered minor burns trying to bring her out of the trailer at 820 E. Denni St.

### School Board to Meet . . .

Members of the Torrance Board of Education will convene at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow for their regular meeting. The session will be held at West High School and is one in a series of meetings being held in the community this year. The session is to be held in room 5213 at West High, according to W. J. Hanson, president of the board. Agendas of the meeting are available in all branches of the public library system in the city.